

State Asset Forfeitures

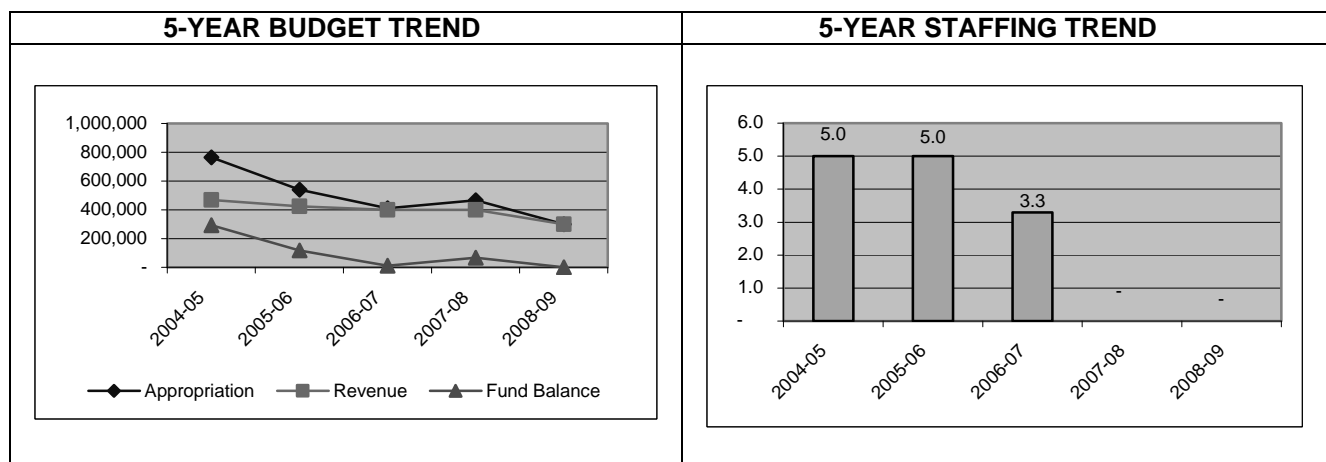
DESCRIPTION OF MAJOR SERVICES

The goal of asset forfeiture is to remove the profits from those who benefit from illegal activities. While seizures and arrests present a temporary setback for criminals, asset forfeiture is effective in permanently removing the proceeds from them while diminishing their ability to continue the illegal enterprise. The law permits law enforcement agencies to use the proceeds of forfeiture to purchase safe, more effective equipment that they otherwise could not afford. Thus, law enforcement is able to convert criminal profits into supplemental funding to inhibit illegal activities. This budget unit receives asset forfeiture funds and is used to offset the cost of staff processing asset forfeiture cases. This budget unit finances three Deputy District Attorneys, one office assistant, one paralegal and one accountant.

The District Attorney's Asset Forfeiture program deters crime by depriving criminals of the profits and proceeds of their illegal activities. State asset forfeitures finance staff that process asset forfeitures generated by activities of the Sheriff's Department and police agencies in the county.

There is no staffing associated with this budget unit in 2008-09. Staff that provide these services are budgeted in the District Attorney's Criminal Prosecution budget unit.

BUDGET HISTORY



PERFORMANCE HISTORY

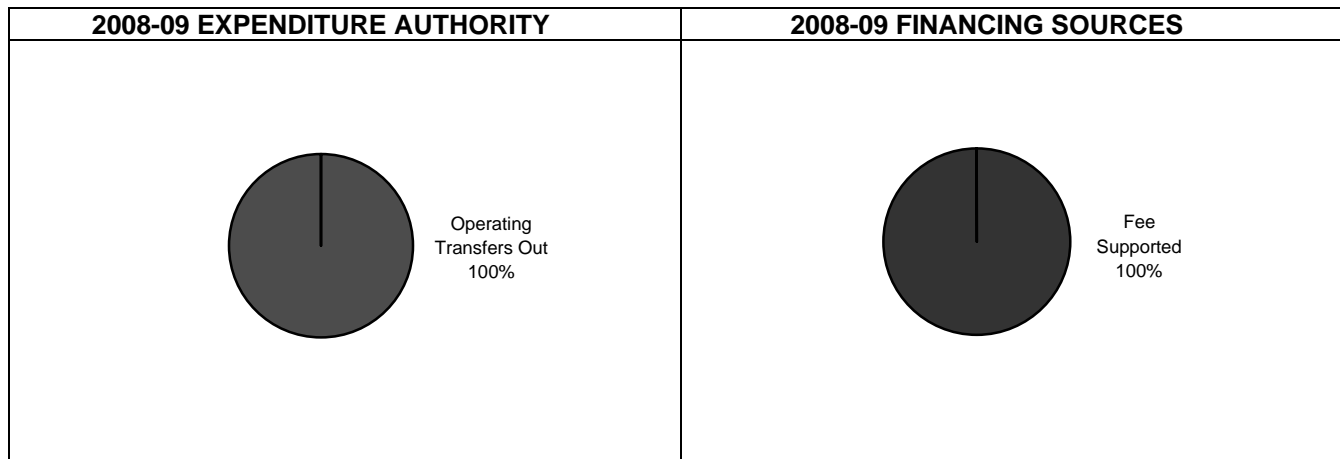
	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Modified Budget	2007-08 Actual
Appropriation	464,976	402,129	409,778	465,973	404,240
Departmental Revenue	289,047	295,770	464,584	400,000	338,267
Fund Balance				65,973	

Actual appropriation for 2007-08 is less than modified budget. Operating transfers out represent funds to offset the cost of staff processing asset forfeiture cases. The department budgets transfers out based on available fund balance.

Actual departmental revenue received for 2007-08 was also lower than expected as revenue in this budget unit is difficult to predict and can vary greatly from year to year.



ANALYSIS OF FINAL BUDGET



GROUP: Law and Justice
DEPARTMENT: District Attorney
FUND: State Asset Forfeitures

BUDGET UNIT: SBH DAT
FUNCTION: Public Protection
ACTIVITY: Judicial

	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Actual	2007-08 Final Budget	2008-09 Final Budget	Change From 2007-08 Final Budget
Appropriation							
Salaries and Benefits	421,880	399,685	408,207	-	-	-	-
Services and Supplies	22,277	17,605	21,729	(39)	-	-	-
Central Computer	2,544	3,969	3,646	(124)	-	-	-
Transfers	18,275	22,259	20,245	-	-	-	-
Contingencies	-	-	-	-	7,973	973	(7,000)
Total Exp Authority	464,976	443,518	453,827	(163)	7,973	973	(7,000)
Reimbursements	-	(41,389)	(44,049)	-	-	-	-
Total Appropriation	464,976	402,129	409,778	(163)	7,973	973	(7,000)
Operating Transfers Out	-	-	-	404,403	458,000	299,027	(158,973)
Total Requirements	464,976	402,129	409,778	404,240	465,973	300,000	(165,973)
Departmental Revenue							
Fines and Forfeitures	289,047	295,770	464,584	314,065	400,000	300,000	(100,000)
Total Revenue	289,047	295,770	464,584	314,065	400,000	300,000	(100,000)
Fund Balance					65,973	-	(65,973)

Contingencies of \$973 is slightly decreased and represent funds not planned for expenditure in 2008-09.

Operating transfers out of \$299,027 are decreased by \$158,973 based on collections in 2007-08. The department is monitoring the costs associated with performing this public safety function and the revenue it generates. If revenues continue to decline, the department will implement a plan to reduce budgeted staffing supported by these funds within the District Attorney's Criminal Prosecution budget unit.

Departmental revenue of \$300,000 is decreased by \$100,000 based on reduced revenue estimates for 2008-09.

